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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP. GEOTECHNICAL RESEARCH GRANT OIP-7503687

REF: STATE 040044, TUNIS 1675, TUNIS 1881

1. AMENDMENT TO NSF PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION 75-2, STATE 040044, PROVIDED DISBURSEMENT OF TD 13,950 TO DR. SHERIF FOR SALARIES OF DR. SHERIF AND MR. ISHIBASHI, AND RELOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES OF SHERIF'S FAMILY. THESE FUNDS ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY SHERIF AS DESIGNATED AGENT OF GRANTEE, AS PROVIDED BY LATIRI-SHERIF AGREEMENT SIGNED ON JANUARY 6, 1975. NSF RECOMMENDED TO SHERIF THAT HE OPENS SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT FOR THESE FUNDS.

2. NSF WOULD CONCUR IF EMB PREFERS TO RESERVE TD 13,950 AND DISBURSE IT TO AMERICAN PROJECT PARTICIPANTS ON MONTHLY BASIS.

3. DISBURSEMENT OF REMAINING FUNDS ARE TO BE MADE TO ENIT SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF LATIRI.

4. NSF IS CONCERNED WITH THE LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN LATIRI AND SHERIF WHICH MAY SERIOUSLY AFFECT SCIENTIFIC YIELD OF PROJECT. EMB MAY WISH REMIND LATIRI THAT PROPOSAL FOR THIS RESEARCH WAS

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DEVELOPED BY SHERIF AND UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. GRANT WAS

GIVEN TO ENIT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE. SHERIF IS EXPECTED TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY WITH LATIRI FOR THE CONDUCT OF THIS JOINT PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN PROPOSAL. NSF WOULD APPRECIATE SOME EMB WATCHFULNESS AND REPORTING TO NSF AS DEEMED NECESSARY. IF NO IMPROVEMENT NSF MAY NEED CONSIDER CANCELLING GRANT. KISSINGER

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